

Response on whether Housing Department market stallholders can terminate their market tenancies prematurely if they choose to join the Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Live Poultry Retailers

In respect of the arrangement for the termination of tenancies in Housing Authority (HA) markets, the HA has confirmed that it would waive the 3-month notice requirement for live poultry retailers in markets under its direct management to terminate their tenancies to participate in the voluntary scheme for the surrender of fresh provision shop licences.

2. For live poultry retailers in single operator markets, as the contractual relationship is between individual stallholders and the single operator, it would be up to them to determine the appropriate arrangement. While the HA is not a party to the contract, where appropriate, it would try its best to persuade the single operators concerned to consider the live poultry retailers' requests to terminate the tenancies favourably on compassionate ground taking into account the special circumstances faced by them.